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April 23rd, 1928.

J.W. Garrett,
5 Garrett Building,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

You may remember meeting me personally
and being introduced by Mr. White Laycock at Mr. Lay-
mond's office some year or so ago.

I am taking the liberty of writing to
you to offer you a great rarity in the Colonial series.
It is very unusual that I am enabled to offer you some-
thing which I think would interest you other than some
your very large and extensive collection already con-
tains but I have at this time a coin which I believe
is most desirable and a rarity which I am sure that you
will appreciate. The coin is no more or less than a
half Doubloon struck by Ephraim Brasher in 1787. The
coin is the exact size of the Doubloon but differs
materially in its weight. The weight of the specimen
which I have is 196.7 grains against 406-407 grains
for the Doubloon. The die used in striking it was the
exact die used in striking the Doubloon but of course,
was struck on a thinner planchett to make the desired
weight. It was not unusual in those days to do this
as the weight and fineness governed the value of the
coin.

The piece which I am offering is practi-
cally uncirculated and I am asking \$75.00. for the coin.
If you feel, upon reading this, that you are at all
interested and will advise me I shall be glad to submit
the coin for your approval, otherwise I beg your indul-
gence for bothering you with this letter and trust that
you will pardon the same.

Thanking you for the consideration of having
submitted the above, I remain

Very truly yours,



May 4, 1925.

Mr. Elmer S. Sears,
Swansea,
Mass.

Dear Mr. Sears:-

I am much obliged to you for writing me about the Brasher half Doubloon. I have never heard of this piece before and naturally find your statement about it exceedingly interesting, but I am not adding to my collection of American coins at present and do not desire to take this piece. Thank you very much.

Yours very truly,

JWG/S

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